

City of Essex Junction
Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023

Meeting Attendees: Micah Hagan, Chris Kline, Mark Breslin, Tacy Lincoln, Phil Bieber, Russ Miller-Johnson; Guest: UVM Professor John Lens

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:07 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Tacy Lincoln volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

Changes to Agenda/Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 20th meeting were unanimously approved. Mark requested to add an item to the agenda: Google Map Update.

Public to be Heard: No comments.

UVM Capstone Project: As a follow up from the November meeting, the Committee suggested that the focus of this project be on identifying the connectivity and the “gaps” in the City’s biking/walking network. Professor Lens indicated that there would be one, and possibly two, groups of students interested in working with the Committee and would like them to attend the regularly scheduled beginning in January 2024 so that they can be informed of the Committee’s work as well as to report on the project’s progress. The BWAC will develop a list of potential “deliverable” outcomes and time-line to discuss with the student groups following the January, 2024 meeting.

Bike Rack Inventory: Phil shared the Bike Rack Inventory Survey https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vKWI_FFxmwkq-n_6Kb3XgHW-PqXOnXVVosNIUv1n480/edit with Committee members via email. Each member is asked to document their observations of existing bike rack options throughout the City through the link to the survey. Data will be collected, compiled and reported at a BWAC in the near future.

Bike Safety Event: The BWAC plans to partner with the VT Youth Cycling event in the Spring and will need to provide information to Mark no later than February 9, 2024 for the purpose of including in the EJRP brochures.

Upcoming Events of Interest: Chris will send BWAC members a list of the upcoming bike/walk webinars sponsored by Local Motion. Tacy informed the Committee of the Community Dinner and Open House scheduled to be held on January 27 as an opportunity for BWAC to connect with community members at large. Additionally, given Chris’ involvement with a variety of groups related to the BWAC activities, Tacy invited Chris to participate in the City’s Vision and Strategic Planning Focus Groups scheduled to be held in late January.

Google Map Update: The maps have been updated but not yet published for the general public to access. Once the map is public, the Committee would like to reproduce this map in a 11x17 format so as to distribute as needed.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.